

# Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock - Java Version

## Java Code:

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class Solution {
    public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {
        int minP = prices[0];
        int maxP = 0;

        for (int i = 1; i < prices.length; i++) {
            minP = Math.min(minP, prices[i]);
            maxP = Math.max(maxP, prices[i] - minP);
        }

        return maxP;
    }
}
```

## Dry Run & Notes:

Dry Run Example:

Input: prices = [7, 1, 5, 3, 6, 4]

Initial:

minP = 7

maxP = 0

Iteration:

i = 1 -> minP = min(7,1) = 1 -> maxP = max(0, 1-1) = 0

i = 2 -> minP = 1 -> maxP = max(0, 5-1) = 4

i = 3 -> minP = 1 -> maxP = max(4, 3-1) = 4

i = 4 -> minP = 1 -> maxP = max(4, 6-1) = 5

i = 5 -> minP = 1 -> maxP = max(5, 4-1) = 5

Final Result: 5 (Buy at 1, Sell at 6)

Notes:

- We track the minimum price so far and the maximum profit at each step.
- Time Complexity:  $O(n)$
- Space Complexity:  $O(1)$
- Elegant one-pass solution.